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1. The airfield northwest of BRYANSK (34°22'E/53°14'N), Orel Oblast, was 6,600 x 10,000 feet.
2. The brickwork of three 65 x 200-foot buildings in the southern section of the field was completed in August 1949. These three-story buildings were presumably kasernes. Three or four more construction sites of the same dimensions were staked or being excavated.
3. Two large buildings with flat roofs, presumably hangars, were seen in the northern section of the field. There was a wind tower with a signal turret between the two buildings. Take-off and landing strips were recognized in front of the wind tower.
4. The field was permanently occupied. Formations of 20 to 25 jet aircraft were daily observed coming from the east, departing in the same direction.
 - a. Description of these aircraft: Low-wing monoplane with retractable landing gear. Low cockpit, hardly extending above fuselage. Rounded wing tips, no propeller. The flying aircraft produced a strange, low-pitched roaring noise.
 - b. Several hundred aircraft of this type were occasionally parked at the airfield.

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The observations do not give a clear picture of the present occupation of the field. From previous reports, besides jet and conventional fighter units, a fighter pilot school for retraining with jet aircraft was also assumed to be

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stationed there. This report definitely establishes that jet fighters are stationed in BRYANSK. The field is apparently also used by air units stationed at other fields. The information that several hundred jet aircraft were occasionally parked at the airfield and the comparison with previous reports make it probable that the airfield was being used as a supply and distributing point.

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